

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 7, 2017)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Tom Jarboe
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

1. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan
Not Present at Vote: Commissioner O'Connor

2. PROCLAMATION(S)

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**
- B. DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

3. PRESENTATION

A. TRI - COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND BRIEFING

Present: John Hartline, Executive Director
Ruthy Davis, Director of Regional Workforce & Business Development
George Clark, Transportation Specialist

A review of the Council's mission, types of programs advocated for Southern Maryland, funding sources for the organization, and the impact of losing county funding were presented.

4. MAIN AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

A. DEPT. OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & TECHNOLOGY - Animal Control Ordinance

Present: Bob Kelly, Chief Information Officer

A public hearing was held on May 17, 2016. Following the public hearing an Task Force for Animals comprised of elected officials, staff and several animal advocacy groups was formed to address and incorporate public concerns into the ordinance. The proposed Animal Ordinance presented today culminates the work of the Task Force for Animals.

I move to adopt the proposed Animal Control Ordinance with the removal of §212.13 A. 3.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

B. DEPT. OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Tourism and Hospitality Master Plan Adoption

Present: Chris Kaselemis, Director

During the presentation of the Tourism and Hospitality Master Plan on February 14, 2017, the following items were presented for discussion, consideration and direction: (1) not renewing the Visitor Services Center contract with the Chamber of Commerce; (2) linking the County's Accommodation Tax to the funding level of the tourism organization; and, (3) creating an external agency as the lead agency to promote tourism in St. Mary's County. Information was provided by Staff on each of the items.

I move to adopt the Tourism and Hospitality Master Plan as part of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

I move to enter into a six month contract with the Chamber of Commerce for the Visitor Services Center.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

The Commissioners requested additional information on (1) linking the County's Accommodation Tax to the funding level of the tourism organization, and (2) creating an external agency as the lead agency to promote tourism in St. Mary's County.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 14 & 21, 2017

B. DEPT. OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Commission for Women- Change of By-Laws

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the amendment to the By-Laws of the Commission for Women of St. Mary's County.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

C. DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION – FY 2018 Transportation Program Priorities

I move to approve the FY 2018 Transportation Program Priorities letter to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

D. DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - Avonlea Subdivision, Section 2, Phase 1

I move to authorize the Commissioner President to execute the claim on the Letter of Credit for the Avonlea Subdivision, Section 2, Phase 1 in the amount of \$30,800.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

E. DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - Avonlea Subdivision, Section 2, Phases 2 and 3 Surety Claim

I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to execute the Budget Amendment reducing the Appropriation Reserve and increasing Section 2, Phases 2 and 3 of the Avonlea Subdivision Other Contract Services in the amount of \$215,000 to allow completion of the road construction work.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

6. LEGISLATION

A. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Present: Dr. Rebecca Bridgett

The Maryland Department of Commerce requested support for six bills.

1. HB 89 Income Tax Credit - Security Clearances - Employers Costs - Extension
2. HB 929/SB 498 Video Lottery Terminals - Small, Minority and Women Owned Business Account - Transfer of Authority
3. HB 94 Maryland E-Novation and Initiative Program - Requirements for Matching Funds
4. HB161 Maryland Economic Development Assistance and Fund - Renaming and Restructuring
5. HB 245 Maryland Advisory Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness - Renaming and Restructuring
6. HB 892 Tax Credits - Enterprise Zones, RISE Zones and Maryland Jobs Development Projects

The Commissioners agreed to send letters of support for the bills requested.

7. COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners provided general comments.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

I move that we enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real property acquisition.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

A. REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION

PRESENT:

James R. Guy, President
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Tom Jarboe, Commissioner
Todd M. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
George Sparling, County Attorney
Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer
Brian Loewe, Director, Dept. of Recreation & Parks
Christine Fleming, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:30 am - 11:40 am

Purpose: To discuss the purchase or disposition of real property.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on 3/14/17

SLF

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator

10. BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPT. OF FINANCE - Budget Work Session to Review County Departments and CIP

I move that we send a letter opposing SB737/HB1055.

Motion by Commissioner Todd Morgan, second by Commissioner O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

Nay: Commissioner Hewitt

11. ADJOURN

12. PUBLIC FORUM

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Forum at 6:30 pm.

Public comments given by:

Rosa Hance, 45547 Stoney Run Dr., Great Mills, MD 20634

Ben Hance, 45547 Stoney Run Dr., Great Mills, MD 20634
Ray Carter, 19252 St. Georges Church Rd., Valley Lee, MD 20692
Mark Drissel, 46245 Greens Rest Ct., Great Mills, MD 20634
Margaret Forrest, 23835 Speith Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Dale Taylor, 25981 Sotterley Cliffs Ln., Hollywood, MD 20636
Jane Walsh, 42544 Woodbury Pl, Leonardtown, MD 20650
John Mountjoy, 23202 Pembroke Dr., Hollywood, MD 20636
Irene Duffy, 22159 Hanover Woods Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Pam Gavin, 25992 Hills Dr., Mechanicsville, MD 20659
Lisa Grossman, 23593 Belmar Dr., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Alicia Hadley, No address given
Natalie Calvino, 43320 Lea Lo Lane #11, Hollywood, MD 20636
Samantha McGuire, 19946 Tower Hill Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650
DeBora Gorham, P. O. Box 273, Mechanicsville, MD 20659
Cody Hance, 44285 Beaver Creek Dr., California, MD 20619
Karen Ogden, 25722 Southwell Dr., Hollywood, MD 20636
Danny Campbell, 20280 Beauvue Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Michael Blackwell, 17947 St. George Park Rd., Tall Timbers, MD 20690
Charles Brown, 20230 Buck Redman Ln., Callaway, MD 20620
Ammon Ripple, 24973 Jones Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659
Frank Ripple, 41279 Richfield Ct., Mechanicsville, MD 20659
Joshua Grossman, 23593 Belmar Dr., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Laura Davis, 19194 King James Parkway, Lexington Park, MD 20653
Jamieson Scarcuta, 37020 W. Lakeland Dr., Mechanicsville, MD 20659
Robert Jackson, 24560 Greenview Dr., Hollywood, MD 20636
Paul Kelly, 41885 Medleys Neck Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Lili Sheeline, 3151 Calvert St., Port Republic, MD 20676
Tom Hanrahan, 21700 Galatea St., Lexington Park, MD 20653
James Raley, 26737 Radio Station Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650
K. C. Schmitter, 22395 Newtowne Neck Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Ed Hazelwood, 37230 Bushwood Wharf Rd., Bushwood, MD 20618
Charlene Mowery Pizzadili, 21205 Point Lookout Rd., Callaway, MD 20620
Sid Marcus, 4830 Quade Circle, Waldorf, MD 20602
Weylin Anderson, 44096 Louisdale Rd., California, MD 20619
Matt Toombs, 22167 Hanover Woods Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Ken Scheiber, 22500 Lawrence Ave., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Rev. Larry Crabtree, 21531 Oxford Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653
David Nguyen, 46130 Ridgemore Way, Great Mills, MD 20634
Alden Laird, 22040 Victoria Circle, Great Mills, MD 20634
Jim Hanley, 41982 Loker Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Steven Clark, 49293 Harry James Rd., Ridge MD, 20680
Angela Prucha, 21128 Autumn Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Dan Seep, 41402 Omaha Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Georgia Kijesky, 21706 Tammie Dr., Great Mills, MD 20634
Mary Rose Depperschmidt, 35675 Aviation Yacht Club Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659
Scott Adams, 41650 Marie Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Ashley Morgan, 23633 Margrave Dr., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Bonnie Kelnberger, 22145 Cartwright Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Ken Carkhuff, 24880 Jones Rd., Mechanicsville. MD 20659
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Brenda Cavallaro, 44536 Boxwood Dr., Callaway. MD 20620
Rich Olon, 20704 Chestnut Ridge Dr., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Grace Powell, 23125 Hollywood Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650
T. J. Sebastian (Facebook)
Rachael Martin Jones (Facebook)
Brie Ball (Facebook)

There were no others wishing to speak so Commissioner Guy closed the public forum at 9:28 pm.